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FIRST NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF
THE COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
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DO NOT APPLY THE 30 MONTH TIME LIMIT
UNDER ARTICLE 22(1))

(PCT Rule 47.1(c))

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In accordance with Rule 47.1(c-bis)(i), those Offices will accept the present notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

- The following designated Offices, for which the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from 1 April 2002, does not apply, have not requested, as at the time of mailing of the present notice, that the communication of the international application be effected under Rule 93bis.1 :

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In practice, time limits other than the 20-month time limit will continue to apply, for various periods of time, in respect of certain of the designated Offices listed above. For regular updates on the applicable time limits (20 or 21 months, or other time limit), Office by Office, refer to the *PCT Gazette*, the *PCT Newsletter* and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters, all available from WIPO's Internet site, at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor all these time limits.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
PCT/EP2004/003959

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C09K5/10 B01J13/00 C09K5/06

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 C09K B01J

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

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